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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, RW

SUBJECT: TEA PROJECT

1. IN HOPE OF SPRINGING LOOSE POWER OF ATTORNEY NEEDED TO CONFIRM GATWA SIGNATURE ON PROJECT FUNDS AGREEMENT, I RAISED SUBJECT OF TEA PROJECT IN CONVERSATION WITH ACTING FONMIN (SECGEN) RENZAHO APRIL 14. I HANDED RENZAHO AIDE-MEMOIRE EXPLAINING GATWA HAD ACTED ON BASIS CABLED AUTHORIZATION ONLY, AND HE PROMISED TO SEE WHAT HE COULD DO TO SUPPLY CONFIRMING DOCUMENT.

2. THIS LED TO MORE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PROJECT AND MY POINTING OUT TO RENZAHO THAT NEW OBSTACLES SEEMED TO CROP UP IN WAY OF IMPLEMENTATION AS SOON AS OLD ONES OVERCOME. NUB OF PROBLEM, I SAID, WAS THAT WORKING LEVEL RWANDANS STILL SEEMED OPPOSED TO PROJECT AND DISINCLINED TO COOPERATE, NO MATTER HOW FAVORABLE PRESIDENT AND HIS TOP-LEVEL AIDES WERE.

3. RENZAHO CLUCKED IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH MY ASSESSMENT. BUT WHEN I OBSERVED IT WAS TOO BAD EMBASSY HAD TO INTERVENE REPEATEDLY ON BEHALF OF PRIVATE U.S. INVESTMENT PROJECT,  
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HE REPLIED THAT TO CONTRARY IT WAS USEFUL FOR GOR, INASMUCH AS PRESIDENT'S MAJOR CONCERN WAS TO SEE THAT PROBLEMS THIS PROJECT DID NOT SPOIL ENVIRONMENT FOR OTHER POTENTIAL PRIVATE INVESTORS.

4. IN ORDER TO PERMIT HIM TO GET A CLEAR PICTURE OF PROJECT AS A WHOLE AND WHERE PROBLEM AREAS LAY, RENZAHO ASKED WHETHER

EMBASSY WOULD SUPPLY HIM WITH DETAILED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DESCRIBING STATE OF PLAY AND IDENTIFYING OBSTACLES TO IMPLEMENTATION. SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO SEE USG DRAWN EVER DEEPER INTO "PRIVATE" TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, I TOLD HIM I WOULD CONSULT WITH WASHINGTON AND PROVIDE HIM WITH SOMETHING WITHIN TEN DAYS. (IN LATER TELECON, RENZAHU ASSURED ME DISSEMINATION OF OUR NOTE WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO FONMIN AND PRESIDENCY.)

5. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, WE MUST USE THIS OPPORTUNITY (ANY OPPORTUNITY) TO ENCOURAGE GREATER COOPERATION ON PART OF RWANDAN BUREAUCRATS ON WHOM PROJECT'S SUCCESS DEPENDS. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD SCRUPULOUSLY AVOID GETTING INTO ESSENTIALLY BOARDROOM MANEUVERINGS WHICH DON'T CONCERN US. THEREFORE, I SUGGEST THAT OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE BE LIMITED TO LISTING -- IN FULL -- THOSE REMAINING ACTIONS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN BY PARTIES TO LOAN AGREEMENT TO PERMIT OPIC TO PERFORM ITS PART OF THE BARGAIN. IN OTHER WORDS, NOTE SHOULD AVOID GETTING INTO SUCH MATTERS AS PROPOSED SIRT MARKETING ARRANGEMENT OR TECHNICIAN CONTRACTS UNLESS CLEARLY GERMANE TO LOAN PRECONDITIONS.

6 ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PLS PROVIDE ASAP LIST OF OUTSTANDING LOAN CONDITIONS AND "PROPOSED TREATMENT THEREOF" PROMISED REFTEL; AND (B) PLS ADVISE WHETHER OPIC AND STATE CONCUR IN SUBMITTING NOTE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED PARA FIVE. ABOVE.  
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